

How to fill out a Flower or Vegetable Garden Map

- ☼ Request a new flower or vegetable garden map from the 4-H office or download.
- ☼ Check with the 4-H Office to find out when maps are due .
- ☼ To make a garden map go to page 2 of your HOME VEGETABLE GARDEN RECORD; to make a flower map go to page 3 of your OUTDOOR 4-H FLOWER GARDEN PROJECT RECORD. Maps need to be filled out on these pages unless you are using a computer to create the map on a separate sheet of paper.

Here are some points to keep in mind:

Neatness:

Sharp, fine lines, clean without smudging, lettering easily read. 4-H members should use a Number 2 pencil or colored pencils only. Cloverbuds may choose to make their maps by using colored pictures of how they want their garden to look or fill it out with a Number 2 or colored pencils.

Size:

Adjust the size of your garden to fill the blank sheet in your map. Make sure you show more detail on the plants growing in your garden and less on buildings and walkways.

Design for Flower Map:

Show the location and dimensions of the garden, with the location/proximity to existing features such as building, walkways, roads garden structures, and natural features. The emphasis should be on the flower garden, not on the features.

Vegetables in Correct Order:

Attention should be given to month each vegetable is planted and have those planted first on one side. Also, plan to have taller vegetables on the north or west side of the plot. Where you do not follow this suggestion, write a note as to why you didn't do it. For example: *have to rotate tall crops*, etc.

Properly Spaced Between Vegetables:

Draw lines to indicate row spacing allowing more room for vine crops or crops needing more room, such as tomatoes or pumpkins.

Name Varieties:

On the front side of your garden record, write in varieties you plan to use. At least 5 different vegetables or flowers need to be planted.

Slope of Land:

Show which direction your garden slopes by drawing an arrow along the side of the garden map that points in the direction your garden slopes down to. If there is not a slope, write "no slope."

If you have any questions or are not sure about something, contact the 4-H office (315-963-7286) for help. The most important thing is to have fun while you learn about the wonderful world of plants.

Be sure to submit all garden maps to the office by their due date to be considered for the garden award!